

Unsettled. Showers  
Tonight and Saturday.

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## CHEAPER GAS RATE IS VITAL QUESTION IN COURT

Georgetown Company  
Asks to Increase  
Its Capital.

Request Will Be Heard  
by Justice Ander-  
son Monday.

A question of special interest to all the residents of the District will be brought up on Monday when Justice Anderson, in the District Supreme Court, holds a hearing on the petition of the Georgetown Gas Light Company to increase its capitalization from \$150,000 to \$300,000, or to such an amount as the actual cash value of its plants and the cost of extensions and enlargements may be shown to be.

Whether or not the residents of the District are justly and equitably entitled to a material reduction in the price of gas is the vital question involved, and these court proceedings may reasonably be expected to throw some light on it, and may be the starting point of the final solution of the question. If the petition of the Georgetown company is granted by the court, it is generally expected that a similar petition will be filed by the only other gas company doing business in the District—the Washington Gas Light Company.

**Actual Value to Be Known.**  
In this case, the actual financial condition of the two companies may be publicly determined, for the court has prescribed, in the case of the Georgetown company, in order to get at all facts, that ample opportunity shall be given all interested to submit information to the court, and this must necessarily be the case in any succeeding petition.

If, by any chance, the petition of the company should not be granted and no petition be made by the Washington company, the public will still have an opportunity to discover whether or not it is paying too high a figure for illuminating gas, for on March 3 last President Roosevelt signed a bill requiring both companies to report to Congress detailed annual statements of their condition, the first report, that for the year 1906, to be made not later than December 4 next. This law is so carefully worded that the information called for would clearly determine in the mind of Congress whether or not the present price of gas is too high.

**Assessed Value of Property.**  
The total assessed value of the real estate, mains, meters, pipes, etc., of the Washington Gas Light Company for the last fiscal year was \$1,646,734, and that of the Georgetown company, \$50,041. As the District assessments are supposed to be two-thirds of the actual value, the total actual cash value of this property would be 50 per cent more, or \$2,470,101 and \$75,061.50, respectively.  
The commercial value may easily be reckoned. In the case of the Washington company the capital stock at the present approximate market price, \$50,000, has a value of \$130,000. This, together with certificates of indebtedness, makes a total commercial valuation of \$180,000. The Georgetown company's commercial valuation, similarly reckoned, amounts to \$50,000, making the condition of the two companies very similar with respect to relation between physical and commercial valuations. The difference between the two houses of valuations must necessarily represent the value of the franchises, good will and earning power, for which the people of the District of Columbia give the value.

**Difference in Two Companies.**  
Although the Washington Gas Light Company has increased its capitalization several times since its original organization in 1868, with a capital of \$50,000, the Georgetown company has never since its charter was granted by Congress in 1854 had its capital stock increased, or issued any bonds. The only other indebtedness of the company now is in the form of notes to the amount of about \$20,000.

Why the Georgetown company finds it desirable now to increase its capital is simply stated by the company which

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## THE WEATHER REPORT.

Unsettled weather continues quite generally east of the Rocky mountains, and there were local showers over this entire area, except the lower lake region and the Southwest. High temperatures also continue, except in the Northwest, and in the East there were combined with very high humidity. In the extreme West the weather was generally fair, with temperatures about normal.

Unsettled, showery weather will continue tonight and Saturday in the East and South, without temperature changes of importance.

The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be light and mostly westerly and southerly, on the south Atlantic coast light west to southwest, on the east Gulf coast light and variable, and on the lower lakes light to fresh and mostly southerly.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have light to fresh variable winds with partly cloudy weather to the Grand Banks.

**TEMPERATURE.**  
9 a. m. .... 73  
12 m. .... 84  
1 p. m. .... 85  
2 p. m. .... 87

**SUN TABLE.**  
Sun sets today ..... 7:24  
Sun rises tomorrow ..... 4:48

**TIDE TABLE.**  
High water today ..... 2:20 p. m.  
Low water today ..... 8:45 p. m.  
High water tomorrow, 2:55 a. m., 2:20 p. m.  
Low water tomorrow, 9:50 a. m., 9:47 p. m.

**HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., July 19.**—Potomac muddy and Shenandoah clear.

## ASSESSED VALUES

Washington Gas Light  
Company ..... \$1,646,734  
Georgetown Gas Light  
Company ..... 80,041

## MARKET VALUES

Washington Gas Light  
Company ..... \$13,000,000  
Georgetown Gas Light  
Company ..... 540,000

## LOSS \$10,000; SOU. EXPRESS THEFT ALLEGED

Columbia, S. C., Again  
Center of Investi-  
gation.

Express, railroad, and police officials of Washington received a severe shock this morning when it was learned that another of the remarkable series of robberies of Southern Express Company money pouches had taken place. This time the amount is said to be \$10,000, and Columbia, S. C., is the scene of the investigation.

If this report is correct—and it was not strongly denied this morning—constitutes an incident in the story of express thefts that is little less than amazing. In the past three years somewhere between \$35,000 and \$50,000 have been mysteriously abstracted from the pouches of the Southern express, and the astonishing feature is that every one of four crimes has been committed between Augusta, Ga., and Washington, D. C.

**No Tangible Clues.**  
Not a single tangible clue has been developed, although some of the best private agencies and railroad detective bureaus in the world have spared no expense or time in probing the problems, and employees of the company have been submitted to the most thorough and searching investigation that could be devised.

So little have the detectives and officials been able to develop after all this time, that even the company which had made the losses good could find no reasonable ground for summarily dismissing the men through whose hands the money passed.

**Different Set of Men.**  
The justice and fairness of the company in this was shown by the simple fact that this last robbery is said to have occurred when an entirely different set of messengers and clerks had dealings with the package.

The first news of these serious and mysterious robberies was published exclusively in The Washington Times about a year ago, when it was told how two packages of bank notes, aggregating \$35,000, from banks in Augusta, Ga., reached New York minus \$10,000. In working upon this story, the Times reporter learned that within a year or two more packages of \$5,000 and the same way. That made \$20,000 known losses, which, with the \$10,000 recently missed, brings the known total to \$30,000. And there may have been others that never reached the public.

**Daring Continuous Effort.**  
For daring, continuous effort and complete success this comes pretty near being a world's record among express companies, and apparently the end is not yet.

In the three cases unearthed by The Times and aggregating \$20,000 the method was always the same, and Columbia, S. C., one of the starting points of the investigation. The packages all came from Augusta, where they were put in an express safe, and in the last case pouch also. These safes have combination locks and the combination is not known to the messenger on the car. With a certain combination it is opened at certain large towns by the local agent in the presence of the messenger, forwarded to him. The time in which the safe is open for the few minutes would be no opportunity for the heinous and delicate manipulation necessary to abstract the bank bills.

## MRS. H. GOULD TO TAKE APPEAL

NEW YORK, July 19.—It was announced today that Mrs. Howard Gould will appeal from the court's decision ordering her to strike out of her divorce petitions certain allegations as scandalous and irrelevant. The decision excluded the charge that Gould ordered an employee to intercept and open his wife's mail.

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## HAI'S DEFENDER, SISTER-IN-LAW, VICTIM OF MOB

Crowd Heaps Vilest In-  
sults on Fraulein  
Olga Molitor.

Her Verifying Prisoner's  
Statement of Wife's  
Jealousy Re-  
sponsible.

KARLSRUHE, Germany, July 19.—Charging her with having aided the murder of her mother, shouting that she had been the mistress of her sister's husband, while insults of the vilest sort were heaped upon her by scornful tongues, a mob outside the court house where the trial of Carl Hau is in progress, made a determined attack today upon Olga Molitor, daughter of the prisoner's alleged victim.

Scores of police, hastily summoned to protect the girl, had a terrible fight to drive back the mobs. With her clothes nearly torn from her body, her hair disheveled and her face scratched and bleeding, showing the rough treatment to which she had been subjected, the young woman finally escaped to the protection of a house. There the police stood guard until the mob was dispersed.

## Feeling Strong Against Fraulein.

Altogether it was one of the most sensational plays ever enacted in a great murder trial in Germany. Feeling runs high in certain ranks of society against Fraulein Molitor because of the aid she is charged with giving Hau in his trial on a charge of killing his mother-in-law, Frau Molitor.

Her appearance in the street as she left the courthouse was the occasion for the attack on her by the mob which had been unable to gain access to the crowded courtroom. Shouting insults and charges of wrongful relations with Hau did not long satisfy the crowd. There was a rush for her, and but for the protection of the police she would have fared badly. Aroused by the resistance of the officers, the angry people struggled with even greater violence, however, to wreak vengeance on the object of their fury.

When she finally reached the shelter of a house where she could seek refuge, Miss Molitor almost collapsed, so un-nerved was she by her experience.

## Dramatic Scene in Court Room.

The street demonstration followed a scene in the court room in which the girl was one of the principal actors. Hau told Judge Eiler that he had seen the mysterious telegram signed "Olga" to Frau Molitor asking her to come to Paris, so that she would take Olga home. He said his wife was jealous of her sister and constantly created scenes.

Olga was recalled, and she verified this declaration by the prisoner. Judge Eiler manifested displeasure and asserted the explanation was weak. He warned Olga what would be the consequences of giving perjured testimony. A sharp passage at arms followed between the judge, Prosecutor Bleicher, and Dietz, Hau's attorney. The judge's declaration of perjury testimony evidently gave the cue to the crowd which later attacked Olga.

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**Respected Business Man.**  
He bought a restaurant near the car barns, and became a respected business man. Later he fell in love and married. One day while walking the street, a policeman recognized him and for a reward of \$50 gave him up to the authorities.

Thereupon, the whole State of Missouri arose in his defense, with the results apparent today.

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**Talks of Future Work.**  
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## Missouri's Valjean Free; President Took Interest In Pardon of January



THREE UPPER PICTURES SHOW  
PARDONED MAN, WIFE, AND  
CHILD.

## LED GOOD LIFE AFTER ESCAPING FROM HIS CELL

Will Not Enter Billiard  
Business Because the  
Preachers Aided Him.

## THANKS PRESIDENT FOR PAPA'S RELEASE

"President Roosevelt,  
"Oyster Bay, N. Y.:

"I thank you for sending papa home to me and mama. We are all happy, and papa says he is going to be a good man for us and his country."

"LUCILLE ANDERSON."

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 19.—The last but happy chapter of the American "Les Miserables" was written today when the prison doors opened wide, and William January, Missouri's Valjean, stepped once again a free man from the portals of the Federal prison at Leavenworth. He immediately took a train for Kansas City.

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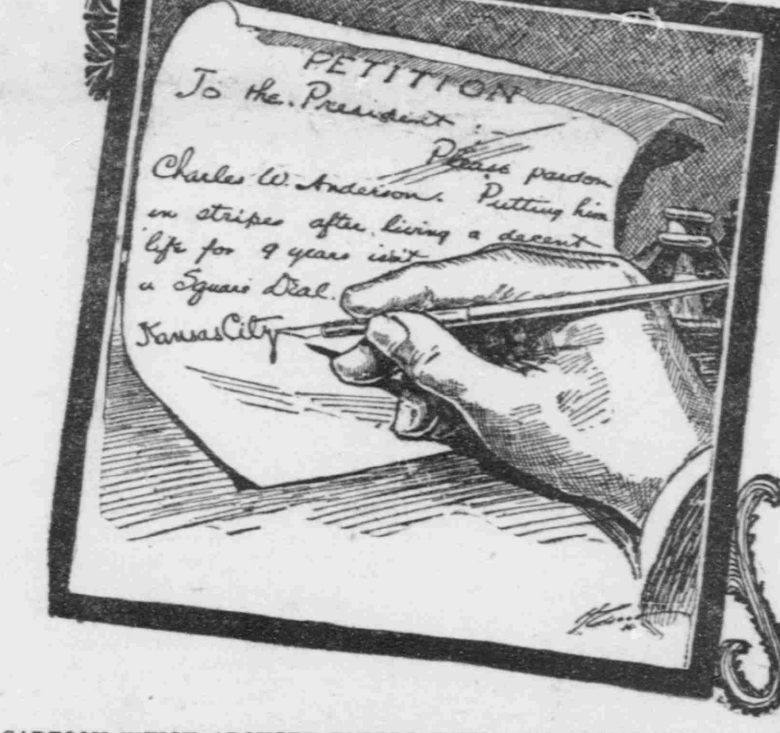
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CARTOON WHICH AROUSED PUBLIC INTEREST, AND ABOVE, BEN  
BARNES, WHO BETRAYED ANDERSON.

## CRUSE IS DEAD FROM EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP

Midshipman James T. Cruse, one of the victims of the explosion of the battleship Georgia, who has been hovering between life and death for three days, is dead, according to dispatches received here this afternoon.

Maj. Thomas Cruse, of Omaha, Neb., father of the injured midshipman, hurried to Boston immediately after hearing of the accident on the Georgia, and was present at the bedside of his son for the past two days. Cruse's condition was regarded as most critical from the first, his injuries about the face, head, and arms being such as to render recovery almost miraculous.

Rear Admiral Snow, of the Boston navy yard, reported to the Navy Department early today the condition of the Georgia's injured, as follows:  
"Condition of Meese extremely critical, very slight improvement noticed. "Gilbert critical, but hopeful; Bush, Fone, Malek, and J. P. Thomas, still serious, but improving. Schlap, Tagland, and Rosenberger doing very well."

Cruse's death is the tenth resulting from the Georgia's catastrophe.

## TWO REAR ADMIRALS TO RETIRE.

By statutory provision, Rear Admirals C. H. Davis and C. H. Stockton are to retire, the former on August 23, and the latter on October 13. Admiral Davis, of the second squadron, Atlantic fleet, will be relieved by Admiral Charles S. Sperry. Rear Admiral Uriel Sebree will relieve Admiral Stockton.

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Via Pennsylvania Railroad, every Friday and Saturday. Atlantic City, Cape May, Wildwood or Ocean City. Tickets good on all trains and to return until the following Tuesday, inclusive. "Atlantic City Special" leaves at 1:05 p. m. weekdays. Ad.

## FIVE DIE IN ELKS' PARADE

Hospitals Discharge  
Nearly Thirty-five  
Hundred Patients.

Well-Known Citizens  
and B. P. C. E. Men  
Victims.

Relief Corps Swamped  
By Extraordinary  
Demand.

PHILADELPHIA, July 19.—There were discharged from the hospitals of Philadelphia today nearly 2,500 patients who had been treated for heat prostration while watching the Elks' parade yesterday. Out of this great number of victims of extremely high temperature, five cases proved fatal. The hospitals were swamped with cases, those in the neighborhood of the reviewing stand having 1,000 patients.

Included among the victims were well-known citizens and men prominent in the Elks' order. Henry J. Walters, exalted ruler of Philadelphia Lodge, fell over while marching. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Judge Melvin, of Oakland, Cal., became ill and had to leave the line. During the hour that victims were falling thickest the music of the bands was almost drowned by the clanging bells of ambulances and patrols carrying away the victims. They came so fast the hospitals could scarcely care for them, and the police had not time to wait for records.

The situation was relieved late in the afternoon, when a heavy storm broke over the city, at once sending the thermometer down to a more bearable point.

## Seven Are Dead, Two Go Insane, In New York

NEW YORK, July 19.—Seven persons dead, two driven insane, and scores prostrated are the casualties recorded by the police of the second day of the fierce heat wave that has swept over the greater city for the last forty-eight hours.

Indications, however, point to a somewhat lower temperature today, accompanied by light southwest breezes. Had not the much needed change in the weather arrived when it did, physicians declare that the mortality caused by the heat and humidity would have doubled had not the cooling storm intervened.

To escape its terrors, thousands slept in the public parks throughout the city last night. In the smaller parks early today were found whole families who had left their homes to get whatever comfort the slight breeze afforded.

These were the Mulberry Bend Park, the most thickly congested, Washington Square, Battery, Union Square, Madison Square, Corlears Hook. The beaches at Coney Island were also crowded with visitors, who spent the night there.

In the large list of prostrations it was found that the majority were tollers. The heat onslaught in the subway was greater than ever, and scores of men and women fainted, and had to be assisted from the trains during the jam of the rush hours.

## Old Humidity Above Average In His Scores

Old General Humidity has certainly been battling above the 300 mark these past few days.

During the spring practice, it will be recalled, it was charged by many that the old general was not showing up well. He was designated as being rather frost-bitten, and even as late as June 15 it was thought that he would be dropped from the team. His slowness in making the bases was most unfavorably commented upon.

Of late, however, the general has been quietly coming into his own. He has smitten the atmosphere with an avidity hitherto unparalleled. In vain has the sweltering public appealed for a let-up in his terrific onslaughts. He has issued a few rain checks, it is true, but no sooner were these distributed than the weather empire would call a new game and the growlers would resume their vocation of watching the star player line them over the fence at an angle of about 96 to 98 degrees.

## Heat Will Continue.

The National Commission, otherwise known as the Weather Bureau, has been appealed to, but so far but little relief is promised. The weather man opines

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